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PATENT APPLICATION 18/000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

GROUP 3700

In re the application of:

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STARK et al.

Confirmation No.: 5227

Application No.: 09/382,433

Examiner: D. M. Pothier

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Group Art Unit: 3764

For: ORTHOSES FOR JOINT REHABILITATION

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 indicating that the application had two distinct inventions. Applicants elect group II involving claim 50 with traverse. Applicants believe that it would not require significant additional effort to examine Group I claims along with Group II claims in view of the relationship between the claimed subject matter. This election confirms an oral election made by Applicants on June 3, 2002 to the Examiner.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.